## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

## DIVISION OF FAMILY SERVICES

July 11, 2003

## MEMORANDUM FOR ALL EXECUTIVE STAFF, COUNTY DIRECTORS, AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES STAFF

FROM: Jim Harrison, Assistant Deputy Director

Children's Services

SUBJECT: Great Plains Hospital, Inc. dba Heartland Behavioral Health Services, Inc.

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The purpose of this email memorandum is to notify staff that, effective immediately, Heartland Behavioral Health Services, Inc. (HBHS) is on intake suspension. This decision comes following an extended period of high numbers of incidents occurring at HBHS and the need to address safety and supervision issues. HBHS plans to utilize this time to continue to develop and implement staff training and programming modalities that will increase the supervision of residents while improving the quality of services and treatment provided in a safe, nurturing environment.

Please feel free to contact Fred Proebsting, State Supervisor, Residential Program Unit, at (573) 751-4954 if you have any questions or comments regarding this matter.

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